

Honors House

Herrick Archives Number 959

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Built as "President's Residence"

New President's Residence

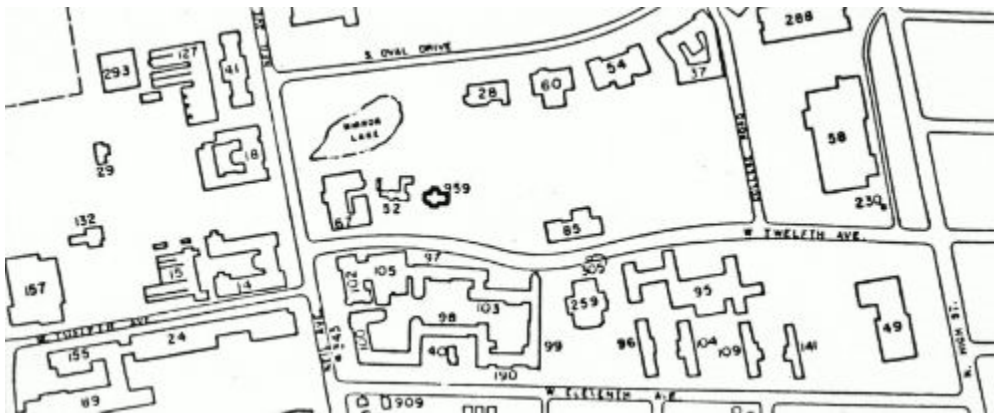
President's House No. 2

See Addendum No. 2

2. Location

2.1 Located at 220 W 12th Avenue. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 110 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Wood frame with brick exterior

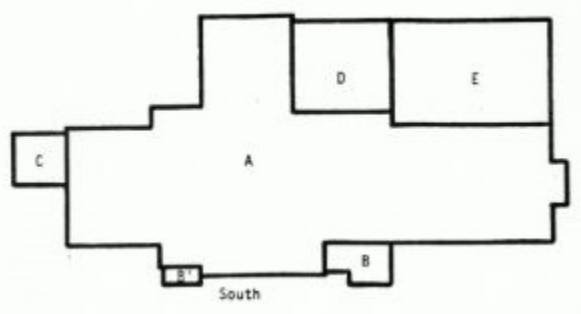
3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and 3 stories

3.3 Increments of construction:

Most of the building was erected at one time, but there have been several small additions. See

sketch and explanatory notes.



A - Original building as accepted by Board of Trustees on April 6, 1926.

B & B' - New front entrances added in late 1929 or early 1930. B included a vestibule and adjacent small closet. B' is only a copper canopy over the door. The Board of Trustees awarded the contract for this work as "two porches" on December 9, 1929 to D.B. Hussey for \$900.

C - This is an enclosed service porch adjacent to the kitchen. Date of its construction is not known with certainty, but late 1927 seems most likely. The University Architect's files contain a July 1926 drawing of this porch. Cabinet on October 3, 1927 approved the expenditure for \$800 for a screened porch and ordered the work started at once. Photograph X 22728 (undated) shows this porch, but B & B' have not been added.

D & E - On April 6, 1926 the Board of Trustees accepted the building from the contractor, and then proceeded to appropriate \$18,764 for additional work, mostly inside, but including also a "North Plaza. This plaza had a tile floor and included all of D & E. At an undetermined later date, D was enclosed. Photograph X 2763 in Photoarchives shows D enclosed as now and bears on the back the date of 1935 from Joseph N. Bradford's records. The University Architect's files include an undated drawing of this enclosure bearing the pencilled notation "OK Mrs. Rightmire." Mrs. Novice G. Fawcett recalls conversations with Mrs. Howard Bevis to the effect that this room (D) was used by the Rightmires as a cloak room. Testimony by Mr. Paul Elleman and Mrs. William Lloyd Evans place the date of this addition near the beginning of the Bevis administration. It would appear, then, that D was enclosed during the latter half of the Rightmire administration.

Photograph X 2760 (c 1930) shows a canvas canopy over the D area. Also, the University Architect's files include an undated drawing for constructing a screened porch at the D location. It seems then that D was covered, and possibly screened, before it was permanently enclosed.

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

9,047 sq. ft. gross; 5,170 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 1

3.5 The garages for use by the president were attached to Building 052. These were demolished about July 1, 1976 along with MacMillin Observatory (Building 052).

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On July 17, 1924 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Joseph N. Bradford and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors. Bids were received on September 2, 1924 (T). All bids were rejected by the Board of Trustees on September 6, 1924 and the Architect was instructed

to redesign the structure with a cost limit of \$65,000.

2. On February 7, 1925 revised plans were approved and the solicitation of new bids was authorized.

3. On March 7, 1925 the Board of Trustees authorized the President and Secretary to open the new bids on March 11, 1925, and if within estimates, to proceed with the award of contracts.

4. New bids were received on March 17, 1925 (T).

5. On April 4, 1925 the Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the University Architect and the State Architect and Engineer, awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Boyajohn & Barr

Electrical: Paul L. Gilmore Co.

Heating & plumbing: Samuel A. Esswein Co.

Tile: Ardit Mosaic Tile and Marble Co.

6. The Board of Trustees on April 16, 1925 examined sites and decided to place the building on the site of the Astronomer's House (H 204) which was moved to 11th Avenue. See report for Building H 204.

7. On April 6, 1926, at the time of accepting the work of the four contractors indicated above, the Board authorized additional work to the extent of \$18,764, including the "North Plaza," grading and planting, and miscellaneous interior improvements.

8. Completion and occupancy:

8.1 The Board of Trustees accepted the building from the contractors on April 6, 1926, and authorized final payment.

8.2 President Rightmire and his family moved into the house during the summer of 1926 (M18:12—Oct 1926)

C. COST

Carried on books at \$72,389.67 as of June 30, 1927 (B).

D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 2757

X 2758

X 2760

X 7824

E. MISCELLANEOUS

This replaced the original President's house on High Street (H 001), which was then used for Music.

The last president to occupy this house was President Fawcett, who moved out in July 1972, a month prior

to his retirement.

John H. Herrick

September 8, 1976

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Campus Planning records now show the net assignable area of this building as 5,298 square feet.

John H. Herrick November 19, 1984

ADDENDUM NO. 2

The Lantern on August 18, 1986 announced that the University Honors Program would move into this building next month, and that the building would be called "Honors House."

John H. Herrick

August 18, 1986

ADDENDUM NO. 3

The Honors Program moved into this building in May 1987.

John H. Herrick

March 17, 1988